

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a frightening example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This is not happening with the forced airing of a highly partisan film less than two weeks before the national election. It is simply outrageous!

Control of the airwaves across the US by a small group of large corporations is a dangerous threat to our democracy and to the health of our local communities. These organizations are largely concerned with the bottom line and, as in the case of Sinclair or Clear Channel, advancing their own political agendas.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Please act responsibly and stop this egregious act that will further divide our country into partisan camps and stands to unfairly influence the outcome of the election with distorted opinion masquerading as truth.

Thank you.